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POPULATION ESTIMATES

Whole State at 30th September, 1953 -

Males - 323,196

Females - 304,109

Persons - 627,305

Metropolitan Area at 30th June, 1953 -

Persons - 351,000

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA

	NOVEMBER		11 Months Ended NOVEMBER	
	1953	1952	1953	1952
Marriages - Number	432	393	4,568	4,832
*Rate per 1000 of Population	8.34	7.85	8.01	8.77
Births - Number	1,296	1,140	14,553	14,176
*Rate per 1000 of Population	25.03	22.76	25.53	25.73
Deaths - Number	393	410	4,656	4,767
*Rate per 1000 of Population	7.59	8.19	8.17	8.65
Infant Mortality - Number	19	18	349	354
*Rate per 1000 Live Births	14.66	15.79	23.98	24.97
PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH -				
Tuberculosis	-	7	43	71
Malignant neoplasms	56	51	664	620
Diabetes mellitus	8	7	39	38
Diseases of blood, etc.	4	5	18	27
Cerebral haemorrhage, etc.	53	39	516	566
Diseases of the heart	130	132	1,439	1,412
Hypertension with heart disease	8	11	153	147
Hypertensive disease without mention of heart	6	8	71	70
Arteriosclerosis	14	16	162	172
Influenza	4	1	23	21
Pneumonia	7	3	179	167
Bronchitis	4	2	47	39
Other respiratory disease	1	6	35	66
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	5	4	40	37
Gastro-enteritis and colitis	-	-	16	29
(Chronic enteritis and ulcerative colitis	1	-	6	11
Cirrhosis of the liver	4	4	28	19
Nephritis and nephrosis	2	10	70	79
Diseases of the prostate	5	6	44	57
Maternal causes	3	1	7	16
Diseases of early infancy	12	14	208	220
Motor vehicle accidents	11	15	174	178
Other accidents	18	22	187	192
Suicide	6	5	51	72
All other causes	31	31	436	441
Total.	393	410	4,656	4,767

\* Equivalent Annual Rate.

\* Deaths under one year.

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 X Deaths under one year.

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79	70	10	2	2			Strokes
57	44	6	5	5			Other accidents
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### LAND SETTLEMENT

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the twelve months ended December, 1953 totalled 1,675,673 acres, an increase of 463,272 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 2,394,503 acres, a decrease of 984,841.

### STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

	Month of DECEMBER		Six months Ended DECEMBER.	
	1953	1952	1953	1952
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Revenue	3,478,876	3,064,858	19,314,100	16,901,935
Revenue per Head of Population	£5. 10. 3	£4. 19.11	£30. 16. 1	£27. 16. 1
Expenditure	3,790,500	3,680,100	21,253,559	18,953,406
Expenditure per Head of Population	£6. 0. 2	£6. 0. 0	£33. 17.11	£31. 3. 7

### SAVINGS BANKS

Depositors' Balances on the 31st December, 1953 amounted to £51,374,410 or £81. 5. 9d. per head of population as against £48,618,214 or £79. 2. 5d. per head as at the 31st December last year.

### BANK CLEARANCES

The average weekly clearance for the 5 weeks ended 31st December, 1953 amounted to £14,970,710 compared with £12,145,265 for the corresponding period last year.

### REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds		DECEMBER		Six Months Ended DECEMBER	
		1953	1952	1953	1952
Transfers	No.	1,953	1,708	11,946	10,019
	£.	2,902,704	2,093,027	15,991,687	10,974,966
Mortgages	No.	1,663	1,389	10,288	7,294
	£.	2,522,582	1,893,803	16,158,292	10,619,496
Discharges of Mortgages	No.	1,033	889	6,563	5,152

### SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT GOODS AND TAX COLLECTED

Period of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Net)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Six months ended DECEMBER, 1953	19,487,822	12,606,232	46,795,919	2,914,350
Six months ended DECEMBER, 1952	17,456,715	12,969,132	40,897,111	2,642,623
Month of DECEMBER, 1953	3,219,111	2,274,561	8,067,613	561,439
Month of DECEMBER, 1952	3,793,055	2,511,122	8,130,484	464,974





COMPANIES REGISTERED

93 Local Companies, with a nominal capital of £3,991,503, and 35 Foreign Companies were registered during the six months ended December, 1953. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 53 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £2,878,000 and 27 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY

	Six Months Ended DECEMBER					
	1953			1952		
	No.	Liabilities	Assets	No.	Liabilities	Assets
		£.	£.		£.	£.
Sequestration Orders	22	63,154	47,120	19	52,710	34,798
Deeds of Assignment (a)	13	55,848	75,468	13	58,861	57,394
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT

The operations of the State Government Railways, open for General and Passenger traffic, were as follows:-

	NOVEMBER		5 Months Ended NOVEMBER	
	1953	1952 /	1953	1952 /
Gross Earnings (a) * £.	1,032,500	651,900	4,326,400	2,494,900
Working Expenses (a) £.	1,129,194	972,789	5,652,943	4,383,666
Train Miles Run No.	593,430	467,594	2,930,689	1,493,425
Motor Bus Miles Run No.	(b) 148,983	(b) 149,166	(c) 779,417	(c) 841,681
<u>Passenger Journeys -</u>				
Train No.	639,762	441,914	3,501,118	1,874,363
Motor Bus No.	44,873	45,926	251,664	278,293
<u>Tonnage Carried -</u>				
Paying Goods	247,426	201,864	1,175,607	711,233
Livestock	17,316	17,667	63,970	59,440
Departmental (Free Freight)	62,037	52,432	318,099	188,604
<u>Total.</u>	326,779	271,963	1,557,676	959,277
<u>Net Ton Mileage of -</u>				
Paying Goods	42,515,507	31,714,019	201,100,404	105,732,576
Livestock	2,189,691	2,271,788	8,569,769	7,927,437
Departmental (Free Freight)	8,563,772	7,913,473	46,422,127	26,177,340
<u>Total.</u>	53,268,970	41,899,280	255,792,300	139,837,353

- (a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.  
(b) Four weeks ended 14th November.  
(c) Period ended 14th November.  
\* Figures liable to revision.  
/ Figures reflect Metal Trade Strike.



MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (EXCLUDING COMMONWEALTH-OWNED VEHICLES)

	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1951	4,263	2,088	51	1,886	7,914	5,730	101	3,192
Year 1952	4,088	2,006	74	1,121	8,068	5,471	112	1,939
<u>1953 -</u>								
January	272	94	-	80	492	296	5	119
February	291	151	1	69	556	369	2	121
March	326	119	6	72	627	334	8	124
April	292	161	4	51	545	439	6	93
May	330	139	2	52	566	425	2	80
June	272	160	8	45	501	390	11	76
July	386	174	5	61	694	471	8	106
August	325	147	7	44	592	397	8	79
September	542	195	9	53	995	488	9	85
October	523	195	6	77	917	465	7	111
November	431	165	5	62	795	431	5	115

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS) /

Date (as at end of Month)	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
<u>1952-</u>								
June	37,873	16,368	522	9,952	64,180	50,897	988	16,041
<u>1953-</u>								
January	40,516	17,384	530	9,981	66,392	50,193	976	14,723
February	40,644	17,438	527	9,954	67,497	51,806	1,002	15,136
March	40,931	17,501	530	9,966	68,465	52,738	1,016	15,420
April	41,155	17,564	533	9,984	68,833	52,618	1,022	15,425
May	41,271	17,552	530	9,937	69,502	53,367	1,024	15,545
June	41,231	18,394	537	9,855	69,833	54,639	1,035	15,559
July	42,576	18,934	542	9,981	69,571	53,261	1,044	14,666
August	42,727	18,992	550	9,898	69,989	53,569	1,053	14,618
September	43,247	19,121	551	9,963	70,962	53,991	1,054	14,715
October	43,752	19,273	560	9,875	71,723	54,092	1,061	14,593
November	44,024	19,325	564	9,843	72,584	55,087	1,067	14,848

/ Excluding Commonwealth-Owned Vehicles which comprised for November, 1953:-  
104 Cars; 747 Wagons, Vans, etc.; 7 Buses and 6 Motor Cycles.

TRADE (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA)

Trade of Western Australia, November 1953 and 1952, and five months ended November 1953 and 1952, expressed in terms of Australian Currency:-

	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (Including Ships' Stores)			
	NOVEMBER		5 Months Ended NOVEMBER		NOVEMBER		5 Months Ended NOVEMBER	
	1953	1952	1953	1952	1953	1952	1953	1952
Oversea	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000
Interstate	3,722	1,892	16,764	13,162	7,815	9,525	31,437	35,178
	7,635	5,273	35,683	29,309	1,406	1,426	10,649	9,391
Total.	11,357	7,165	52,447	42,471	9,221	10,951	42,086	44,569



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BUILDING ACTIVITY  
(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors etc. (a)							
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
Year 1946	55	32	1,316	1,221	52	82	145	192	1,568	1,527
Year 1947	165	109	2,245	2,380	37	64	164	327	2,611	2,880
Year 1948	514	346	2,544	3,041	49	160	268	431	3,375	3,978
Year 1949	825	693	2,485	3,476	57	215	317	657	3,684	5,041
Year 1950	1,313	1,365	3,331	4,727	41	263	428	651	5,113	7,006
Year 1951	1,913	2,835	4,137	6,969	40	459	433	986	6,523	11,249
Year 1952	2,883	5,824	4,946	11,201	63	667	604	2,242	8,496	19,934
1953 -										
March Qr.	706	1,614	935	2,391	17	214	172	657	1,830	4,876
June Qr.	767	1,830	1,229	3,191	15	241	129	597	2,140	5,859
Sept. Qr.	593	1,443	1,370	3,537	25	249	163	1,079	2,151	6,308

(a) Comprises Government Day Labour as well as Private Contractor operations, and includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and other Residentials excluded from Table (2) hereunder.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION  
(Including Owner-Built Homes)

	Houses Completed - Classified According to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone, Concrete, etc.		Wood, or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other Material		Total	
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
Year 1946	578	640	186	140	373	296	227	172	1,364	1,248
Year 1947	1,114	1,365	257	196	966	862	62	47	2,399	2,470
Year 1948	1,252	1,715	326	249	1,436	1,348	29	22	3,043	3,334
Year 1949	1,449	2,235	228	191	1,571	1,649	42	43	3,290	4,118
Year 1950	1,709	2,382	337	311	2,262	2,572	55	48	4,363	5,815
Year 1951	2,155	4,560	453	525	2,933	4,241	190	218	5,731	9,544
Year 1952	3,006	8,097	745	1,609	3,844	6,678	135	263	7,730	16,647
1953 -										
March Qr.	660	2,004	139	364	823	1,587	8	14	1,630	3,969
June Qr.	700	2,132	288	787	986	2,044	7	17	1,981	4,980
Sept. Qr.	601	1,894	283	759	1,003	2,173	6	15	1,893	4,841

BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES

1,787,270 lbs. were produced during December, 1953 and 10,678,318 lbs. for the six months ended December, 1953, as against 1,792,092 lbs. and 11,299,443 lbs. respectively for the corresponding periods for 1952.

GOLD PRODUCTION

	DECEMBER		12 Months Ended DECEMBER	
	1953	1952	1953	1952
	Quantity	Fine Ozs.	Quantity	Fine Ozs.
Quantity	....	Fine Ozs.	....	Fine Ozs.
Value (Aust. Currency) *	£.	£.	£.	£.
	71,051	66,341	834,155	729,975
	1,100,700	1,027,727	12,763,764	11,308,559

\* Excludes premium on gold sold for industrial purposes.

Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies for the twelve months ended December, 1953 amounted to £1,432,852. Dividends reported for the corresponding period of 1952 amounted to £1,079,371.





RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

(Base of Each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capitals for 1923/27 = 1000)

	Food and Groceries				All Items of Household Expenditure ("C" Series)			
	DECEMBER QUARTER.		Twelve Months Ended DECEMBER.		DECEMBER QUARTER		Twelve Months Ended DECEMBER	
	1953	1952	1953	1952	1953	1952	1953	1952
Metropolitan Area	2656	2439	2608	2359	2314	2225	2295	2170
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	2777	2647	2738	2556	2374	2324	2361	2262
Northam	2679	2521	2630	2429	2336	2253	2315	2186
Bunbury	2708	2505	2636	2415	2344	2255	2314	2195
Geraldton	2768	2566	2698	2473	2449	2364	2421	2293
Collie	2752	2524	2671	2432	2242	2146	2211	2085

ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic)

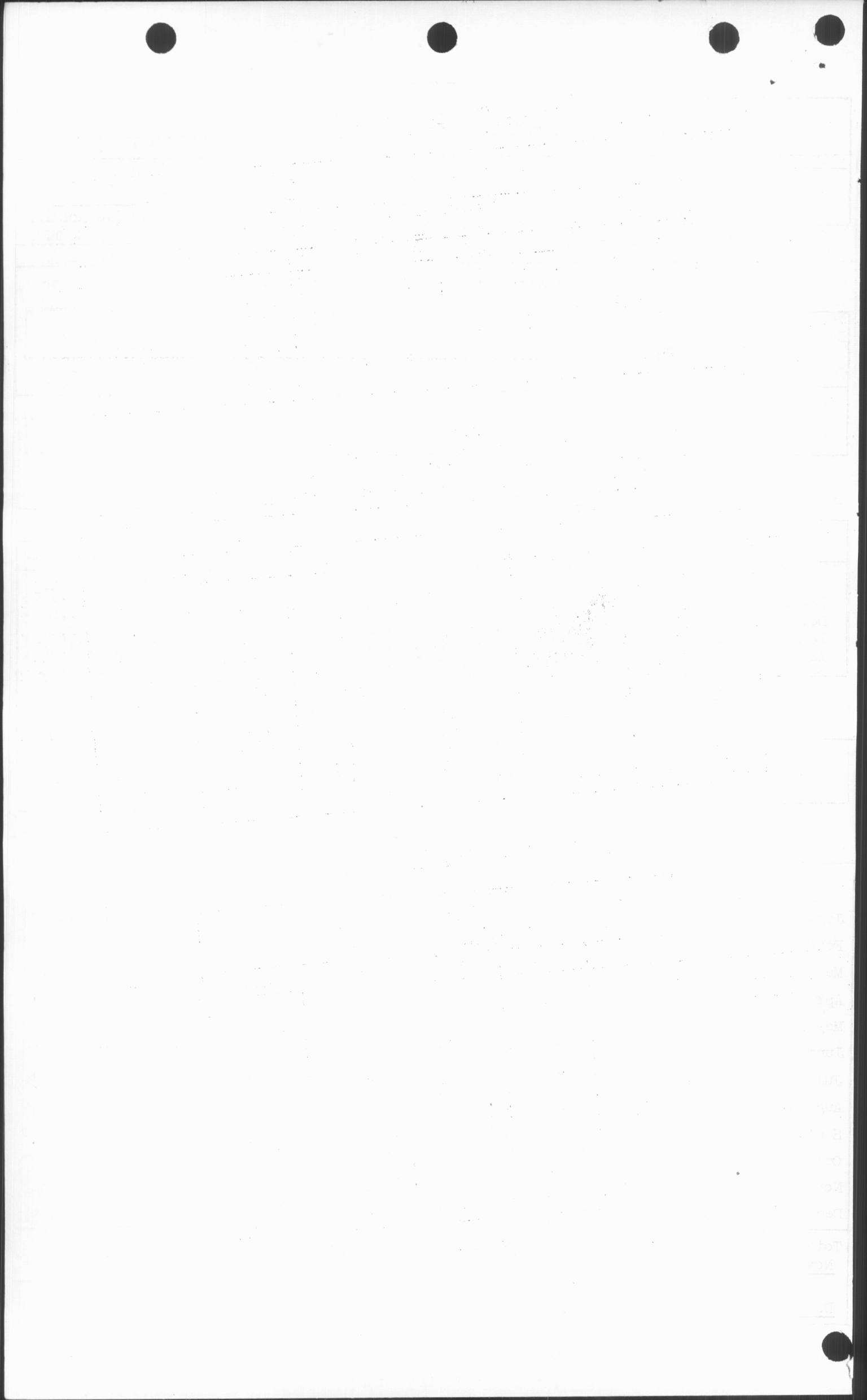
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Month	1952			1953		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
January	127,021	40,611	167,632	127,573	39,805	167,378
February	127,314	41,319	168,633	128,682	40,835	169,517
March	127,666	41,367	169,033	129,232	41,012	170,244
April	126,905	41,326	168,231	129,666	41,211	170,877
May	126,734	41,110	167,844	129,673	41,189	170,862
June	126,001	40,564	166,565	130,185	41,029	171,214
July	125,215	40,408	165,623	130,540	41,132	171,672
August	125,577	40,115	165,692	130,351	41,296	171,647
September	125,235	40,272	165,507	130,899	41,443	172,342
October	126,306	40,389	166,695	131,392	41,824	173,216
November	126,330	40,541	166,871	131,948	42,192	174,140
December	126,684	40,719	167,403			

INDEX OF FACTORY EMPLOYMENT (a)

Month	FACTORIES (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100))				
	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953
January	179	194	208	214	216
February	182	197	212	216	219
March	186	200	215	216	222
April	187	200	215	215	223
May	187	203	216	214	224
June	187	202	215	211	224
July	182	204	218	210	224
August	189	204	217	214	224
September	190	204	216	213	224
October	191	206	217	214	225
November	192	207	217	214	225
December	194	207	215	215	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1952 are preliminary.



STATE BASIC WAGE.

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area			South-West Land Division			Goldfields and Rest of State		
	Male		Female	Male		Female	Male		Female
	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
27.7.53	12.	6.	6	8.	0.	3	12.	6.	0
							7.	19.	11
							12.	9.	4
							8.	2.	1

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA  
(Generated by W.A. Government Power Stations)

Particulars	DECEMBER		Six Months Ended DECEMBER	
	1953	1952	1953	1952
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	32,597	27,942	194,034	171,316
Units Sent Out (1000 K.W.H.)	29,334	24,786	173,769	151,412

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
	No.	No.	No.	No.
December, 1953	7,176	460	107,162	10,722
December, 1952	5,781	433	132,989	12,697
12 Months ended December, 1953	113,942	5,254	1,127,752	104,872
12 Months ended December, 1952	98,100	6,402	1,258,754	118,192

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

Month	Total Accidents Reported		Non-Casualty Accidents (Damage over £10)		Casualty Accidents		Persons Killed		Persons Injured	
	Metro-politan	Country	Metro-politan	Country	Metro-politan	Country	Metro-politan	Country	Metro-politan	Country
<u>1953 -</u>	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
January	1,100	276	316	102	164	75	6	5	197	129
February	1,072	266	271	108	176	65	8	9	237	87
March	1,110	319	286	125	178	95	5	13	217	138
April	1,117	319	319	136	169	81	12	7	186	117
May	1,242	300	381	130	167	86	13	9	190	116
June	1,273	259	381	128	154	62	9	7	191	75
July	1,281	253	361	115	182	56	9	3	209	74
August	1,168	273	335	109	138	76	7	9	163	118
September	1,153	266	352	125	141	57	12	6	152	70
October(a)	1,325	285	374	133	205	65	8	6	264	90
November(a)	1,205	268	329	124	157	83	4	9	199	112
December(b)	1,314	(c)	365	(c)	191	(c)	6	(c)	223	(c)
Totals to - <u>November</u>	13,046	3,084	3,705	1,335	1,831	801	93	83	2,205	1,126
<u>December</u>	14,360	(c)	4,070	(c)	2,022	(c)	99	(c)	2,428	(c)

- (a) Revised.  
(b) Subject to minor revision.  
(c) Not yet available.

NAME		ADDRESS		CITY		STATE		ZIP	